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AN ABSURD SYSTEM AND A CAUSE.

ing, red-dog, shinplaster system you den and secret demonetization of silver advocate might be quite as bad as this -practically destroying half our we now have, it would not be half as money-metal and half our metallic absurd. And it is the gross and pre-money and currency at a blow; and posterous absurdity of the system now here is the Hill bill, which, in which makes it so strange that any effect, will sweep all currency-the resensible government or people can maining greenbacks and other Treatolerate it, and actually extend it,- sury notes, all silver dollars, and everymaking it more and more absurd and thing else-out of the way of the banks injurious. The absurdity of the sys- and their loans in bank-notes. Gold is tem, as glaring, egregious and atrocious nominally left; but it cannot and will as it is, is not at all greater than its not circulate; nor will the gold notes outrageous extortion and oppression; do so, because they will be gobbled up and yet there is the Hill bill in the for their gold by the banks and others, House of Representatives, likely to be- as soon as issued. me law, though it actually magnifies . All that has been and is the efficient all the absurdities of the system and cause of the great scarcity of money

If any Representative or Senator in acknowledged. the Hill bill, should be met on his re- capable of accomplishing the result; turn home by a committee of his con- and no other cause relating to the hard and its wicked designs, he could not hard times have any rational, logical answer in the negative without convict- or possible connection as consequences. ing himself of idiocy; and the only de- This is no case of "post hoc, propter fence he could put up would be that hee," as that the Times relies on. Not he desired to see what fools the peo- at all. Cause and effect were never ple are, or how much they will stand, by pushing the experiments of this causing a scarcity of rain, with enbanking and currency system as far as suing failure of crops and other evils.

long; and yet they endure and suffer beneficial to the people than he has to over them-that it may be some trust. ing people, who do not inform them selves, nor think for themselves, are made to believe that black is white and white, black. But the wrath of they learn how they have been fooled, and for what purposes,

which confesses and proclaims the absurdity and curse of the existing bankand the evils themselves to be bless- abounded,

great problem of the age—to how to make the best possible thing at the lowest possible cost. Prices have fai-lem because we have learned economics themselves, to relieve the steward and benefit the people, besought the stew-

grown ferree as money has become ferree as money has become ferreer and more valuable, with the ferrices as go-betweens, middle-men and intermediaries with the people.

Now, as the people multiplied, a vast

American liberty transformed into despotism, and Cubans and Philippinos already longing for the return of Spanish rule!

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Aguinaldo requited with contempt

Times bamboozles itself and seeks to bamboozle its readers with what we have quoted. "The consumer will get no doubt; but what does that mgan? We are all consumers; and the experence of many centuries has taught us this plain lesson: that when we get must give more than usual for money, of what we have to offer in exchange: labor, production, property,-what not. All fall down before the boa-constructer, and are swallowed up by the Great Consumer of all-money! Production and property cease to be wealth, and money controls, masters and owns all things, and, in the end, with cruel rapacity, and it must be dethroned and put in manacles at hard

But the Times takes too narrow a up to ten years before that war, the cost of living for rich and poor was half what it now is, or even less; and many things were as cheap as they are to-day, and in some cases cheaper. Look to your histories and statistical records, and you will see that this was In some cases, commodities never they had been even lower. But over a half-century has elapsed since those good old, quiet, slow-going days; and we have had a great Anternal war of Spain. But it was the internal war of four years in length which broke up flowed us with money, raised wages, a business and a life that must have an abundance of money. Before the war prevailing wages, prices and values were easily accounted for; the causes on the surface and undisputed. and it was rare that anything occurred (like the breaking of the old United

But since the war, with a new business and a new life, based upon and developed by a plenty o' money, never money famine! By the insidious influence of the national banks (who wanted room for their lent notes), large So absurd a banking system as our National banking system never cursed any other people.—Richmond Times.

quantities of greenbacks and other Treasury notes were withdrawn from circulation; then, by the same influence circulation; then, by the same influence That is so: for though the free-bank- and that of capitalists, came the sud-

which even the Richmond Times has There has been no Congress, who advocates or votes for other cause relating to the currency stituents, and asked if he did not see times that have ensued has occurred the amazing absurdity of that measure but the money-searcity with which making breadstuffs scarce and high, It is almost impossible to believe that and general calamity. And one has the people do not comprehend this sys- more reason to urge that a general em, which has been on their backs so drought in the United States will prove it. Would they, could they, be so patient, if they understood it? Still, there currency has proved a blessing, instead

THE PARABLE OF THE UNJUST STEWARD.

ruler, who were sorely oppressed and lie officers, from President and Reprethese dupes may be dangerous when persecuted, insamuch that they fled to a far wilderness, where they might have some peace, and enjoy a full measure of civil and religious liberty, no other remedy can be found. Here is the Richmond Times itself. These people prospered in the new land, and, despite many difficulties and hardships, grew numerous and wealthy, so ing system that has imposed our con- that they required a steward to take tracted currency upon us for its benefit, care of their general affairs and their people's man. actually trying to explain the evils of common treasury. All went well for contraction as due to something else, many years; prosperity and happiness

But the great wealth of the land and "Business competition has been so sharp that the brightest minds in the country have been directing their investigations towards the solution of the people and their steward and a great people inflamed the cupidity and covethen because we have learned economies that we never knew before. Profits will be smaller, but the volume of business will be correspondingly larger, which means that the consumer will get more for his money."

A war for freedom, emancipation and deliverance, turned into an expedition of aggression, conquest and loot,"

Gessler's cap hoisted in Cuba, and even Gomez required to bow bald-headbenefit the people, besought the stew- deliverance, turned into an expedition deed, they would gladly take the whole ed to it! Of course competition for money has trouble of the money upon themselves,

Now, as the people multiplied, a vast ing more and more of themselves to ob- deal of money and currency was re-That is the explanation of quired for public and private business, political economy and of the science of and a great amount was needed anfinance, as well as that of common nually to pay what were called taxes Porto Ricans disgusted with the arrosense. And moreover, it is precisely to the steward, to enable him to fuiwhat everybody sees before his eyes, if fil his functions as general agent and

AMBRICA DE LA COMPANIONE DE LA COMPANION DE LA trustee. But the steward had grown old in long service, and had tired, weary and careless in office, longing for rest, yet desiring to retain his place and its power, salary and perquisites. He therefore lent a willing ear to these men who volunteered to share his labors and responsibilities so generously; and he made them his fiscal agents with the people, who did not demur, as they relied on his integrity, wisdom and experience in affairs. sides, he required security of these agents; but the people failed to see that he made them sureties for these agents by supplying them with a preferred investment in their untaxed and goldinterest bearing bonds, which still paid interest in unabated measure to the agents though deposited with the steward as securities.

Nor did the easily deluded people see at first that they really supplied the currency which the agents so kindly view of the matter. Forty years be-fore the war between the States,—ay, discovered that the steward had entered into contracts with these men whereby he not only paid them full gold interest on their securities, but issued them without charge 90 per cent. of the amount of these securities in guaranteed notes, to be lent to the people (their own currency!), on the best security, at heavy rates of interest. The steward had theretofore issued a currency of the people's, called greenbacks, legal-tenders and other paper obligaard; and the people had also enjoyed the free and unlimited coinage of their own gold and silver, supplemented with the bills of their own local banks. But the steward, under the blandishments and representations of his fiscal agents agreed to withdraw all the notes he had issued to and for the people (the greenbacks, &c.), to allow the local banks to issue no bills, to stop the free coinage of silver, withdraw all silver coin. or discredit it, so as to leave no competitor with the currency he had fur-States Bank) to occasion great'changes. nished his agents. Gold was left; but only because it never circulated, and could be used as a delusion and a snare -as a bit of cheese is used as bait to catch rats and mice.

> This insidious scheme-to make the people furnish an exclusive currency, free, to these fiscal agents, on bonds of the people as securities, the agents still to draw full interest in gold on the bonds from the people, and lend the people their own notes, guarantled by themselves, at heavy rates of interest, on the best security-was not divulged at first to general knowledge; and its so incredibly unjust to the people and so enormously in favor of the agents, to make the people believe that their trusted steward had so betrayed them too true; and when efforts were made for popular relief, it was found that the steward had so committed himself of the Mammon of unrighteousness, that there was no breaking loose without a revolution. The steward, it was wrong defended and protected, and disclosed, could neither obtain nor keep right is an outcast and an outlaw. any gold, without the consent of his default of silver; nor could the people have it, except from these agents. in default of all other currency withdrawn or destroyed, to give these agents and their free notes the monopoly of our medium of circulation and exchange.

So the unjust steward and his agents robbed the people, right and left, until the people, tired of being SKINNED ALIVE AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, kicked, went on a strike, and great was the tribulation of those days.

A PATRIOTIC REVIVAL NEEDED.

It is high time for a change in many things; and the people must make these are so many reputable persons, jour- of the curse it is; for money represents changes next year, unless they are connals, concerns and influential authori- everything; and nothing can abound to tent to go on from bad to worse, and nals, concerns and influential authorities engaged assiduously in the disreputable business of deceiving and misbarren, if one has no money to buy leading the people—in throwing dust with.

Leading the people—in throwing dust with everything and nothing can abound to tent to go on from bad to worse, and trowns and muttered intents of factority over him; and when elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections and all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections are all their public affairs dominated and controlled by fraud and dier depended upon these trouvelent to have their elections are all their public money, to the subversion of popular lib-erty and the general welfare, rention. He gave the

Better times are necessary. Honester elections are required, not There were people under a wicked only of U. S. Senators, but of all pubsentatives, Councilmen and Supervisors, to Treasurers and Constables. Death on Rats" must be employed, if

> There's McKinley, President, a whirlinig and weathercock of tin in the hands of his managers. Let's have a man next time; no man's man, but a

Hanna: who carries the country in his pocket. Even the Republican par

has made the Treasury a broker's of-

and neglect; Gomez and Garcia insult-

tion pursued with malignant spite and jealousy by the whole Washington Stag!

Truth suppressed and persecuted! Lying and perjury exalted!

A flagitious administration of the War Department, in collusion with a base brood of contractors and purveyors, to be screened from exposure at any cost and hazard, and anyone in Federal ser-vice daring to tell the facts, even under oath, to be ruined, if possible

Commissions multiplied to shift Executive responsibility, to cover administrative inefficiency, misfeasance and

A victorious army treated worse than Turks treat stray dogs!

Buzzard's rations furnished sick

Embalmed and mummled commissa ries purchased by wholesale for the

Camps established and even hospitals located where health and cleanliness were impossible and where the most necessary appliances were not supplied, nor any precautions taken against foul ness and disease!

The sick were placed on the ground, often without tents, surgeons (or doctors), nurses, medicines, proper food,sick and wounded being subjected to experiences to which no decent man would subject his enemy's hounds!

An enormous and increasing standing national debt, to be payable only gold, though contracted in "coin," and mostly lent in depreciated paper at par! See Hill bill.

A standing regular army of 100,000 men for aggression abroad and suppression at home, under the control and direction of Alger, or some other creature of Hanna & Co., to cost an immense sum annually, which must be paid by the people of this country who do not want them, and to whom they are intended as, not merely a menace, but as a bloody terror, on the least

These are but a few of the signs of the times. Are they not enough to show that we need a change of men, of measures, of party and policy? Oh, for a revival of the patriotic American spirit of our fathers! That only can save our That only can save our country and its liberties from the grip of wealth and the chains of a ruthless

BEGGARS AHORSEBACK.

and the people to the snares and toils malign and crush our best citizens and den, witnesses threatened and builled,

And this is only the beginning of an agents, though obliged to have it, in absolute reign of unserupulous power, The men in authority are incapable of obtain any currency, though compelled comprehending or feeling the orinciples and sentiments of American freedom and independence; they are moral and intellectual beggars on horse-back; and they are riding the country to the devil with whip and spur.

A GREAT EXAMPLE.

Gen. Miles has his faults as a (who has not?); he may not be a great soldier; but he is a good citizen, faithful, patriotic and brave; and he has set ican should be eager to emulate. HE TOLD THE TRUTH AND This is YOU! Opportunity. SHAMED THE DEVIL-THE DEVIL IN POWER. And he has done this frankly, freely and fully, despite the ruption. He gave this pestiferous administration its coup de grace when he made his revelations about the embalmed beef, and the canned refuse of "beef-extract" factories, furnished the citizen-soldlers of this Republic; and he made it morally impossible for Mc-Kinley, Alger & Co., to be felsted upon us again next year,-whatever Hanna combine may do. M'KINLEY, AT ANY RATE, IS DONE FOR!

Of course, the vilest spirit of malice and revenge is rife at Washington to wreak its wrath on Gen. Miles.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

his pocket. Even the Republican party should be ashamed of him.

Alger: Faugh! there is an odor of embalmed beef in the air. "An ounce of cinct, good apothecary, to sweeten our imaginations."

Gage, of Chicago—from Chicane; who has made the Treasury a broker's office.

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American liberty transformed into despotism, and Cubans and Philippinos already longing for the return of Spanish rule!

Aguinaldo requited with contempt and neglect; Gomez and Garcia insulted and humiliated!

Even the hospitable and enthusiastic Porto Ricans disgusted with the arrogant domination of Hanna's pets!

Military and Naval merit and distinc-

sumers in every attempt to raise against them the prices of the domestic article. When the Trenton pottery manufacturers were clampring before the Committee on Ways and Means for more protection for their products they were much less concerned about the danger of foreign competition than about the means of monopolizing the home market. The Dingley tariff gives them the protection they sought, and the American Pottery Trust has risen to harass and despoil American consumers.

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A GALLANT SOUTHERNER.
(Baltimore Sun.)

The announcement of the sudden death from apoplexy of Colonel William C. Smith, of the First Tennessee Regiment, while leading his command on the firing line in the battle at Manila Sunday last, will occasion profound regret among his friends, particularly in his native State, Virginia, and his adopted State, Tennessee, Colonel Smith was born in Petersburg, Va., and was a son who did honor to the Cockade City. He was a Confederate soldier of approved courage, He was severely wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness, and was color bearer at the battle of the Crater, and while the flagstaff was cut in several places the colors never went down. After the war Colonel Smith won fame as an architect at Nashville. The Vanderbill University and many other fine buildings were designed by him. When the war with Spain began he was made colonel of the First Tennessee Regiment by Governor Taylor in recognition of his ability and courage, and before the regiment salled from San Francisco for Manila it had attained an excellent condition of proficiency.

cellent condition of proficiency.

TIME TO STOP BIRD MURDER. (Brooklyn Eagle.)

Speedy sction is urged on Congress in extending the power of the Fish Commission, so that it shall have authirty for the preservation of our birds. The protectors cannot begin their work too soon. A campaign against the ignorance and heartlessness that have destroyed millions of our winged friends cannot be much longer delayed, and measures for saving their lives by force may yet be needed. Though we are absorbed by the situation in the Philippines and by the problems that confront us in Cuba. Porto Rico and Hawaii, the saving of the birds is a thousand times more innortent than our late war and all the results that have come from it. For without birds this earth would become a prey to insects and green things would be stripped from the land. Farming would be possible only at an immense expense, no artificial means could keep down the increase of the worms and beetles and grubs and dies that already damage the crops to a woeful extent, and existence would become a struggle, indeed. It is said that women, who have so long enjoyed a credit for tendernoss and consideration, should have countenanced this damnable slaughter of our birds.

THE PAPER TRUST.

It used to be our proudest boast, and a true one, too, that the humblest citizen in the land could not be wronged without redress; and we said that the oppression of the meanest man among us is the oppression of all. None were so high as to be exempt from law; and none so low as to be beyond its care. In matters of right and liberty, the General and the private solder, the President of the Union and the street pauper, were all on a perfect equality. But what do we see now? All the powers, resources and influences of government employed arbitrarily, unjustly, cruelly, victously and despotically to screen or elevate rascals, and to malign and crush our best citizens and officers. Truth is peremptorly forbidden, witnesses threatened and buillied, wrong defoulded and water.

the government had levied such a tax upon newspapers and books the people of the United States would have risen in indignation and compelled Congress to remove the burden. But Congress does not take the money for public purposes; it merely authorizes the members of the Paper Trust to take this money for their private use, and the fact that they are being unreasonably taxed escapes the attention of the readers of newspapers and books.

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